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SUBJECT: NOAA ACTIVITY IN MAURITANIA

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1. ON FEBRUARY 28 KENTON MARTINSSON, NOAA TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE, VISITED US MISSION EN ROUTE TO NOUADHIBOU TO INSTALL WINDFINDING RADAR. HE AND SECOND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE, HERBERT HART, ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WOULD SPEND FOUR WEEKS TDY NOUADHIBOU INSTALLING WMO METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT.

2. MARTINSSON AND HART VISITED EMBASSY AGAIN MARCH 24 TO BRIEF EMBOFFS ON WMO PROJECT AND TO POUCH DAMAGED EQUIPMENT BACK TO NOAA. THEY REPORTED THEY HAD TO WAIT IN NOUADHIBOU TWO WEEKS BEFORE RADAR EQUIPMENT FINALLY CLEARED CUSTOMS. ALL EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN LEFT IN OPEN ALONGSIDE RUNWAY, EXPOSED TO HEAT AND DRIVING SAND. ALL UNITS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO "SHOCK"; WOODEN PACKING CRATES HAD BEEN STRIPPED OFF SEVERAL UNITS. SOME OF THE GEAR COULD NOT BE REPAIRED LOCALLY. MARTINSSON AND HART DEPART MARCH 24 FOR OUAGADOUGOU FOR ANTICIPATED FOUR-WEEK TDY. AFTER OUAGADOUGOU, THEY EXPECT TO RETURN TO NOUADHIBOU FOR TWO-WEEK TDY TO COMPLETE INSTALLATION PROJECT.

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3. NOAA EPISODE UNDERSCORES FACT THAT SUCCESSFUL MOUNTING OF ANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, COMMERCIAL VENTURE OR OTHER ACTIVITY HERE IS DEPENDENT ON PERIODIC FOLLOW-UP VIA REGULAR VISITATION BY PROJECT PERSONNEL OR VIA INTERVENTION OF RESIDENT STAFF (PARA 3 REF B). ABSENCE FEEDBACK FROM GIRM (CITED REF A AS INDICATION ALL WAS WELL)

USUALLY INDICATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DO NOT KNOW HOW
TO PROCEED AND WILL NOT ASK OR SIMPLE PROCRASTINATION.
IN THIS CASE TWO USG EMPLOYEES SPENT TWO WEEKS AWAITING
BUREOCRATIC CLEARANCES AND AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF
TIME CLEANING AND REPAIRING MISHANDLED EQUIPMENT. THESE
ARE TIME AND MATERIEL LOSSES WHICH TIMELY, ON-SCENE BIRD-
DOGGING BY UNDP OR USMISSION MIGHT HAVE OBVIATED OR COULD
AT LEAST HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. WOULD APPRECIATE
AF/W SUPPORT IN CONTINUING TO COUSEL USG AGENCIES RE
DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING IN MAURITANIA AND ADVANTAGE OF
UTILIZING RESIDENT US PRESENCE AND KNOWLEDGE, AND OF
DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING EMBASSY FULLY AND CURRENTLY IN-
FORMED SO THAT POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES CAN BE ADDRESSED
AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVED EARLY ON.

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